

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for provisioning resources of a plurality of organizations using a server, each organization having ~~internal-resources~~ internal to the organization, the method comprising the steps of:

establishing a set of organizational attributes, organizational information, and user roles for each organization;

defining a plurality of resource provisioning policies for each organization based on selected organizational attributes, organizational information, and user roles;

A/ receiving organizational attribute information, organizational information, and user role information from each organization for a particular user, resource internal to the organization, or database;

determining which resource provisioning policies are applicable to the user based on the received user role information, organizational information, and organizational attribute information; and

provisioning resources internal to the organization ~~the user~~ from a remote, centralized location ~~with resources~~ based on the applicable resource provisioning policies.

2. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the step of provisioning takes place over a network.

3. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 1, further including the step of provisioning ~~users with external-resources~~ external to the organization.

4. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein in the step of receiving, organizational attribute information, organizational information, and user role information is received automatically after the step of establishing.

5. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein multiple resources internal or external to the organization are provisioned in parallel.

6. (Currently Amended) A method for provisioning resources of a plurality of organizations using a server, each organization having ~~internal-resources~~ internal to the organization, the method comprising the steps of:

establishing a set of organizational attributes, organizational information, and user roles for each organization;

defining a plurality of resource provisioning policies for each organization based on selected organizational attributes, organizational information, and user roles;

receiving organizational attribute information, organizational information, and user role information from each organization for a particular user, resource internal to the organization, or database;

determining which resource provisioning policies are applicable to users based on the received user role information, organizational information, and organizational attribute information;

grouping organizations together into a resource exchange; and

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cross-provisioning resources internal to each organization within the resource exchange ~~users from a remote, centralized location with resources from organizations within the resource exchange~~ based on the applicable resource provisioning policies.

7. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 6, further including the step of providing a translational map for organizations within the resource exchange to facilitate the step of cross-provisioning.

8. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 6, further including the step of providing high level authentication of organizations within the resource exchange to facilitate the step of cross-provisioning.

9. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 6, further including the step of providing identity synchronization of organizations within the resource exchange to facilitate the step of cross-provisioning.

10. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 6, further including the step of providing resource registration within the resource exchange to facilitate the step of cross-provisioning.

11. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 6, further including the step of providing an audit trail for organizations within the resource exchange to facilitate the step of cross-provisioning.

12. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 6, further including the step of providing anonymity for organizations within the resource exchange to facilitate the step of cross-provisioning.

13. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 6, wherein multiple resources internal to each organization are provisioned in parallel to facilitate the step of cross-provisioning.

14. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 6, wherein in the step of receiving, organizational attribute information, organizational information, and user role information is received automatically, after the step of establishing, from each organization to facilitate the step of cross-provisioning.

15. (Currently Amended) A method for provisioning resources internal to of a plurality of organizations using a server, the organizations existing in a public provisioning infrastructure, the method comprising the steps of:

establishing a set of organizational attributes, organizational information, and user roles for each organization having resources internal to the organization;

defining a plurality of resource provisioning policies for each organization having resources internal to the organization based on selected organizational attributes, organizational information, and user roles;

receiving organizational attribute information, organizational information, and user role information from each organization for a particular user, resource internal to the organization, or database;

receiving organizational attribute information, organizational information, and user role information from members of a general public desiring use of a resource internal to each organization within the public provisioning infrastructure;

generating a resource provisioning ticket for the members of the general public;

determining which resource provisioning policies are applicable to users based on the received user role information, organizational information, and organizational attribute information; and

forwarding the provisioning ticket to a vendor of a particular resource internal to a particular organization.

16. (Currently Amended) A system for provisioning resources internal to of a plurality of organizations, the system comprising:

a third party resource provisioning ~~management service provider~~ manager;

a server for provisioning resources, wherein the server is operated by a third party resource provisioning ~~management service provider~~manager;

~~internal~~ resources belonging to each organization, the resources being internal to the organization; and

a network providing a link between the server and the ~~internal~~ resources.

17. (Currently Amended) A system as recited in Claim 16, wherein the third party resource provisioning ~~management service provider~~manager provisions the ~~internal~~ resources of each organization over the network at the request of the organization.

18. (Currently Amended) A system as recited in Claim 16, wherein the third party resource provisioning ~~management service provider~~manager provisions the ~~internal~~ resources of each organization over the network automatically.

A/ 19. (Currently Amended) A system as recited in Claim 16, further comprising ~~external~~ resources external to the organization, wherein the ~~external~~ resources external to the organization are provisioned for each organization.

20. (Currently Amended) A system for provisioning resources of a plurality of organizations, the system comprising:

a third party resource provisioning ~~management service provider~~manager;

a logical server for provisioning resources, wherein the server is operated by a third party resource provisioning ~~management service provider~~manager;

a resource exchange made up of the plurality of organizations, each organization having ~~internal~~ resources internal to the organization; and

a network providing a link between the server and the ~~internal~~ resources.

21. (Currently Amended) A system as recited in claim 20, wherein the third party resource provisioning ~~management service provider~~manager cross-provisions the ~~internal~~ resources of each organization within the resource exchange over the network at the request of each organization.

22. (Currently Amended) A system as recited in claim 20, wherein the third party resource provisioning ~~management service provider~~manager cross-provisions the ~~internal~~ resources of each organization within the resource exchange over the network automatically.

23. (Currently Amended) A system as recited in claim 20, further comprising a translational map for organizations within the resource exchange to facilitate the provisioning of resources by the logical server.

24. (Currently Amended) A system as recited in claim 20, further comprising means for each high level authentication of organizations within the resource exchange to facilitate the provisioning of resources by the logical server.

25. (Currently Amended) A system as recited in claim 20, further comprising means for identity synchronization of organizations within the resource exchange to facilitate the provisioning of resources by the logical server.

26. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 20, further including the ~~step of means for~~ providing resource registration within the resource exchange to facilitate the provisioning of resources by the logical server.

27. (Currently Amended) A system as recited in claim 20, further comprising means for providing an audit trail for organizations within the resource exchange to facilitate the provisioning of resources by the logical server.

28. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 20, wherein multiple resources are provisioned in parallel to facilitate the provisioning of resources by the logical server.

29. (Currently Amended) A system for provisioning resources of a plurality of organizations, the organizations existing within a public provisioning infrastructure, the system comprising:

means for establishing a set of organizational attributes, organizational information, and user roles for each organization having resources;

means for defining a plurality of resource provisioning policies for each organization having resources based on selected organizational attributes, organizational information, and user roles;

means for receiving organizational attribute information, organizational information, and user role information from each organization for a particular user, resource, or database;

means for receiving organizational attribute information, organizational information, and user role information from members of a general public desiring use of a resource within the public provisioning infrastructure;

means for generating a resource provisioning ticket for the members of the
general public;

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means for determining which resource provisioning policies are applicable
to users based on the received user role information, organizational information, and
organizational attribute information; and

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means for forwarding the provisioning ticket to a vendor of a particular
resource.

Amendments to the Drawings:

Drawing sheets in connection with the above-identified application containing Figure(s) 9-17 will be presented in a supplemental amendment as new formal drawing sheets to be substituted for the previously submitted drawing sheets.